

- The **program** was planned as follows.
 - Most of the programs were scheduled to be held in one place, on the 5th floor of the New Otani Hotel, for the members' convenience.
 - As the major highlight of the convention, the spectacular ikebana demonstrations by the Headmasters and Headmistresses of ikebana schools who are I.I. Supreme Advisers were planned. It is always exciting to experience the wide range of ikebana styles represented, from classical to modern, and the see latest innovations come to life onstage.
 - In terms of workshops, we were planning something new – special hands-on ikebana workshops to be sponsored by various ikebana schools. These were offered instead of the former culture programs that took place at previous world conventions. We thought this new ikebana workshop format opens up the opportunity to try techniques of ikebana schools other than your own, under the tutelage of well-known ikebana artists, perhaps leading to a deeper understanding of ikebana.
 - The following **six workshops** were planned:
 1. Introduction of the Japanese traditional ikebana by Risui Sugita, the Vice Headmaster of the Katsura Koryu Katsura-ryu
 2. Shoka style by Riei Ikeda, Headmistress of Koryu Shoutoukai
 3. Introduction of the original style of flower arrangement called “tsutsumi” by Kawada Mitsuko, the President of Kirara Kai
 4. The nageire style by Kozan Okada, Headmistress of Kozan School
 5. Obi Art by Yamamoto Shuko - how to fold the obi belt and turned into a three-dimensional art form as well as into a flower vase, without using scissors
 6. Folding the Japanese paper (Washi) and use it as ikebana container, by Adachi Mitsuko, President of Kagei-Adachi School
 - Lastly and importantly, the **Business Meetings (and informal Discussion Meeting)** were scheduled to provide a unique opportunity to members to discuss issues, voice opinions and have input into planning new pathways in the coming years ahead.
 - The **Friendship Room** was arranged to be open during the entire event where attendees would have the opportunity to meet old friends as well as make new friends.
 - **Ikebana demonstrations by members** from diverse ikebana schools were scheduled, as one of the programs which enjoys high attendance.